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Strengthening cooperation with academia and promoting scientific research in drug control issues in order to achieve the goals set forth in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] in which ministers and government representatives acknowledged the need to scientifically evaluate drug supply reduction measures in order to direct government resources to initiatives that have proved to be successful in tackling the causes of the world drug problem,

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 8* (E/2014/28), chap. I, sect. C.

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Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by Member States in accordance with the Political Declaration and Plan of Action[2] in order to ensure that drug demand reduction measures are based on scientifically sound assessments of the nature and extent of the drug problem, as well as on the social and cultural characteristics of the population in need,

Reaffirming also the commitments undertaken by the parties to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[3] to facilitate the exchange of scientific information and the conduct of research on the eradication of illicit cultivation of narcotic plants,

Reaffirming further its resolution 48/8 of 11 March 2005, entitled "Application of research in practice", in which States recognized the need to develop research networks in order to formulate methodologies for reducing supply of and demand for illicit drugs,

Convinced that the analysis of scientific data and the sharing of experience are of utmost importance in preventing the diversion of precursors and other substances under international control that are used in the illicit production and manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Underscoring the urgent need for scientific analysis of new trends in the drug control system, including the identification and better understanding of potentially dangerous new psychoactive substances, which pose a growing threat and the trade in which is not regulated by the international drug control conventions,

Recalling the commitments undertaken by States under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol[4] to promote the development of regional centres for scientific research and education to combat the problems resulting from the illicit use of and traffic in drugs, and emphasizing the importance of research laboratories for understanding the problem of illicit synthetic drugs and the range of products available on the illicit market,

Taking into account that Member States are developing various practical approaches to solving the world drug problem within the framework of the three international drug control conventions, and stressing the need to scientifically assess their effectiveness in reducing supply of and demand for illicit drugs,

Recognizing the need to increase investment in research and evaluation in order to properly implement and assess, on the basis of evidence, effective policies and programmes for countering the world drug problem,

1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish an informal network of scientists, which will be composed of leading international experts in the relevant areas of drug control and which will constitute a practical step in establishing links between science and anti-drug policy with a view to assisting Member States in applying the latest scientific research to the development of effective methodologies for drug supply and demand reduction and for the treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug users, and calls

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

[4] Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

upon the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to circulate regularly to Member States the key findings of the work of the network;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the publication by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the International Standards on Drug Use Prevention, which constitute an important tool summarizing the scientific literature currently available and serving as a practical guide for policymakers worldwide, and calls for the further development of practical science-based guidelines that include appropriate measures to reduce significantly the non-medical use of controlled narcotic drugs;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to cooperate closely with academia in scientifically assessing the effectiveness of measures to suppress, eliminate and significantly and observably reduce the illicit cultivation of crops used in the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and to develop drug supply reduction measures that are science-based, environmentally friendly and development-oriented;

4. *Supports* the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to develop, coordinate and disseminate the results of research on precursors of narcotic drugs in collaboration with the international scientific community with a view to understanding emerging trends;

5. *Welcomes* the results of the technical consultations on new psychoactive substances held by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna in December 2014, and calls upon Member States to continue to deepen knowledge of the threats posed by such substances, in close cooperation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization, academia and other international and regional organizations;

6. *Recognizes* the importance of science laboratories in providing comparative scientific data that can assist in the formulation of effective counter-narcotics strategies, and emphasizes the need to continue strengthening the capacity of existing science laboratories and to undertake efforts to establish new laboratories as necessary;

7. *Also recognizes* the important input of the Laboratory and Scientific Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in carrying out scientific research on narcotic and psychotropic substances under international control and in providing Member States with scientific tools and forensic services;

8. *Calls upon* Member States to share the latest scientific research, taking into account the contributions of academia, on the most effective ways of countering the world drug problem in accordance with the three international drug control conventions with a view to further meeting the commitments and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;[2]

9. *Invites* Member States and other donors to allocate the funding necessary in order to study the causes of the world drug problem and to scientifically assess measures to reduce demand for and supply of illicit drugs;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-ninth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.